

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the Application in view of the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

Status of the Claims

Claims 1-8, 10 and 12-19 are pending.

Claims 12-18 stand rejected.

Claim 12 has been amended. No new matter is added.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that claims 1-8, 10 and 19 are allowed and that claims 12-18 include allowable subject matter. Claims 12-18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, but would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph

Claims 12-18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 12 has now been amended to recite that the support element is “pivotally connected to the shaft and pivoting between a first position approximately coplanar with the shaft and a second position approximately perpendicular to the shaft,” as shown in Figs. 5a and 5b and noted by the Examiner. Claims 13-18 depend from claim 12.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 12-18 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Each and every point raised in the Office Action dated March 17, 2008 has been addressed on the basis of the above amendments and remarks. In view of the foregoing it is believed that claims 1-8, 10 and 12-19 are in condition for allowance and it is respectfully requested that the application be reconsidered and that all pending claims be allowed and the case passed to issue.

If there are any other issues remaining which the Examiner believes could be resolved through a Supplemental Response or an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

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Respectfully submitted,

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